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“For to me to live is CHRIST,
and to die is GAIN”

(PHILIPPIANS 1:21)



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**This evening's podcast will be from PASTOR CLAY CURTIS
MATTHEW 22 — HOW DO I KNOW IF I'VE BEEN CHOSEN AND CALLED?**

Recorded on Sunday morning, February 24th, 2019

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THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST

“WHOSOEVER TRANSGRESSETH, AND ABIDETH NOT IN THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST, HATH NOT GOD. HE THAT ABIDETH IN THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST, HE HATH BOTH THE FATHER AND THE SON”

(2 JOHN 1:9)

What is the heresy of [the Roman Catholic Church], but the addition of something to the perfect merits of Jesus Christ, the bringing in of the works of the flesh, to assist in our justification? And what is the heresy of [Free-will Religion] but the addition of something to the work of the Redeemer? Every heresy, if brought to the touchstone [that is Christ and His doctrine], will discover itself here. I have my own private opinion that there is no such thing as preaching Christ and Him crucified, unless we preach what nowadays is called Calvinism. It is a nickname to call it Calvinism; Calvinism is the gospel, and nothing else. I do not believe we can preach the gospel, if we do not preach justification by faith, without works; nor unless we preach the sovereignty of God in His dispensation of grace; nor unless we exalt the electing, unchangeable, eternal, immutable, conquering love of Jehovah; nor do I think we can preach the gospel, unless we base it upon the special and particular redemption of His elect and chosen people which Christ wrought out upon the cross; nor can I comprehend a gospel which lets saints fall away after they are called, and suffers the children of God to be burned in the fires of damnation after having once believed in JESUS. Such a gospel I abhor.

[PASTOR] **CHARLES H SPURGEON**

CHOSEN AND CALLED IN MERCY

“...YE ARE A CHOSEN GENERATION, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, AN HOLY NATION, A PECULIAR PEOPLE; THAT YE SHOULD SHEW FORTH THE PRAISES OF HIM WHO HATH CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS MARVELLOUS LIGHT: WHICH IN TIME PAST WERE NOT A PEOPLE, BUT ARE NOW THE PEOPLE OF GOD: WHICH HAD NOT OBTAINED MERCY, BUT NOW HAVE OBTAINED MERCY”(1 PET 2:9-10)

Beloved, we have been chosen in Christ. God's only Holy Book declares we *“are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people”* [indeed a purchased people] that shows forth the praise of the Lord Jesus Christ—declaring, salvation is of Him.

Beloved, He has *“called you out of darkness into His marvellous light.”* Though you were in the darkness of this world, He has *“called you”* out from the tomb of your unbelief into *“His marvelous light;”* making you to know that it is by the precious blood and perfect righteousness of His beloved Son that you *“have obtained mercy.”*

And all of this—being chosen, being called, having obtained mercy—not according to anything we have done beloved, but according to His purpose and grace given us in Christ Jesus before the world began. Beloved, we shall ever praise and glorify Him, for salvation is of the LORD! [2 TIMOTHY 1:9, JONAH 2:9] AMEN!

PASTOR

“IF A MAN LOVE ME”

“JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID UNTO HIM, IF A MAN LOVE ME, HE WILL KEEP MY WORDS: AND MY FATHER WILL LOVE HIM, AND WE WILL COME UNTO HIM, AND MAKE OUR ABODE WITH HIM”

(JOHN 14:23)

Beloved, when you hear a so called ‘christian’ say “Jesus Christ died on the cross for the sins of everyone” those are not the words of someone with merely a different theology, rather those are the words of someone filled with nothing but hatred towards the God of the Bible. Our Lord and God tells us plainly and distinctly *“If a man love me, He will keep my words.”* Any one who would dare claim *“that Christ died for everybody”* doesn't love the Lord Jesus Christ; further they both hate Him and hate the words of His gospel. Though there are no shortage of verses to show the God hater his enmity; alas, the issue is not for want of a verse, but rather a want of love. My friend, do you not love our Lord? Or for that matter His words? God's people love His words, for they are *“the words of eternal life.”* Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ—every man, woman, and child that the Father has given to our Lord to save, shall be saved. And not one of them shall be lost. AMEN! [Read MATTHEW 1:21, JOHN 6:37-40, JOHN 10:11]

PASTOR

CALLED, CHOSEN, AND FAITHFUL

“...HE IS LORD OF LORDS, AND KING OF KINGS: AND THEY THAT ARE WITH HIM ARE CALLED, AND CHOSEN, AND FAITHFUL” (REVELATION 17:14)

Beloved, you are called. God our Father has declared *“I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved”* (ROMANS 9:25).

Beloved, you are chosen. God the Son, our blessed redeemer, has asked the Father in the covenant of grace—give me not the righteous to save, but sinners. He declares *“I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance”* (LUKE 5:32, PSALM 2:8).

Beloved, you are made faithful. God the Spirit (the comforter our Lord promised) has come to make it known to His people, that we are no longer servants to sin, but servants of His beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Beloved, our faithfulness, our righteousness is of Him who is always faithful, never fails, and has never sinned! Our Lord declares *“their righteousness is of me”* (ISAIAH 54:17, 2 CORINTHIANS 5:21).

May the Holy Spirit be pleased to quicken you, the reader, and make it known to you, that from the beginning He has chosen you to salvation and grant that you believe the truth as it is in our Lord Jesus. (2 THESSALONIANS 2:13, EPHESIANS 4:21)

Beloved, He has called you, chosen you, and made you faithful through the merits of His beloved Son (REVELATION 17:14)

Gracious Heavenly Father, through the merits of the doing and dying of your beloved Son, grant the chosen sinners reading this article to know that they have been clothed in the white raiment of your Son's righteousness. Lord, we know you will not blot out the names of your beloved people from the book of life, but will confess each beloved sinner before your Father, and before His angels. AMEN! (1 TIMOTHY 1:15, REVELATION 3:5).

PASTOR

AND WE KNOW!

“AND WE KNOW THAT ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THEM THAT LOVE GOD, TO THEM WHO ARE THE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE”

(ROMANS 8:28)

And we know! we don't just believe it, beloved we know!—that He works all things together for our good. He has loved us with an eternal, everlasting love and has saved and called us according to His purpose and grace in Christ; indeed before the world began! [JEREMIAH 29:11;31:3, 2 TIMOTHY 1:9].

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